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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 0449

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, ICRC, VN, VS

SUBJECT: LOW CONFERENCE: ALGERIAN ROLE AS SEEN BY GVN AMBASSADOR

LE VAN LOI

1. USDEL OFFICER CONTACTED GVN AMBASSADOR LE VAN LOI
JAN 27 TO COORDINATE APPROACHES ON PRG ISSUE. HIS
EXTENSIVE SOUNDINGS TO DATE MADE HMI CONCLUDE THAT GVN
FACES STILL UPHILL FIGHT, BUT THAT IT IS PRESENTLY
ONLY ABOUT TEN VOTES SHORT OF MAJORITY.

2. VAN LOI WAS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT EFFORTS OF
ALGERIANS, WHO ARE EMERGING AS THE MAIN CAMPAIGNERS ON
THE PRG'S BEHALF. (NOTE ALSO ALGIERS 232.)
AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TROUBLE THAT THE ALGERIANS CAN
CAUSE VAN LOI CITED THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE JUST
APPROACHED THE CYPRUS REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, AND
AS A RESULT THE LATTER HAS AGREED TO SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS
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FROM NICOSIA. ORDINARILY, THE CYPRUS REP WOULD HAVE

ASSUMED THAT HE WAS EMPOWERED TO VOTE AS LAST YEAR,
I.E., AGAINST THE PRG.

3. ON ALGERIAN TACTICS AT THE LOW CONFERENCE, VAN
LOI BELIEVED THEY WILL FOLLOW THE "PARITY" THEME IN
MME. BINH'S LETTER AND SEIZE AN EARLY OCCASION
TO MOVE THAT EITHER THE PRG BE INVITED OR THE GVN
BE DISINVITED. ALGERIA WOULD CALL THIS A NEW
QUESTION AND INVOKE ARTICLE 35, PARA 4. NATURALLY
THE GVN WOULD PROTEST AND INVOKE ARTICLE 32. VAN
LOI HAD NO CONFIDENCE PRESIDENT GRABER WOULD
DARE TO MAKE A CHOICE, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO USE
ARTICLE 22 TO THROW THE ISSUE TO THE CONFERENCE ON A
SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICAN RESULTS OF USDEL OFFICER'S
CONTACT WITH VAN LOI BY SEPTELS.

5. RECOMMENDED ACTION: IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE
URGE THAT EMBASSY NICOSIA QUICKLY APPROACH CYPRUS
GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO PRESS OUR
POSITION. THIS WOULD HOPEFULLY NULLIFY THE RECENT
ALGERIAN MOVE IN GENEVA. VAN LOI SAYS THAT THE CYPRUS
REP, WHO IS BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE GVN,
PROMISED TO INCLUDE IN HIS REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS
THE LEADING PRO-GVN ARGUMENTS AS GIVEN TO HIM BY
VAN LOI.DALE

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